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**Minnesota Library  
Association**

Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting

MANKATO PUBLIC LIBRARY

September 26-28, 1918.



INTERIOR, MANKATO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

# PROGRAM

Thursday, September 26.

- Arrive noon.
- 2:00 p. m. Registration at Public Library.  
Appointment of Committees.  
Certification of Librarians, Mrs. Jennie T. Jennings, Head Cataloger, St. Paul Public Library.  
Collecting Local War Historical Material in Minnesota.  
C. Edward Graves, Librarian, Minnesota Historical Society.
- 4:00 p. m. War pictures and lantern slides, illustrated lecture.  
Marie A. Todd, Librarian, Art Dept., Minneapolis Public Library.
- 7:00 p. m. Informal Reception. Normal School Library.
- 8:30 p. m. Public meeting.  
Address—Americanization, its Meaning and Function.  
Carol Aronovici, Chairman, State Committee on Americanization, St. Paul.  
Discussion led by John Adams Lowe, Agent, Mass. Free Public Library Commission, Boston.

Friday, September 27.

- 9:30 a. m. Library War Service.  
Round Table, conducted by Grace Stevens, Librarian, Virginia Public Library.  
Local History, Maud Van Buren, Mankato; Mrs. Georgia Goss, Anoka; Mildred Riley, Cloquet.  
War Service in the Library, Mrs. Jennie Foster, Waterville; Mrs. Marie E. Brick, St. Cloud; Winifred Gregory, St. Paul, Minnie Bird, Fairmont.  
Co-operation with other organizations, Sarah LeCrone, Faribault; Amy Hanscom, Willmar; Ella J. Adams, Hutchinson.  
Red Cross, Dorothy Hurlbert, Hibbing; Mabel S. Clark, Herman; Mrs. Jenny Lind Blanchard, Little Falls; Tanye Burgess, Austin.  
Food Conservation, Amy A. Lewis, Fergus Falls; Arabel Martin, Minneapolis; Mrs. R. M. Hunter, Duluth; Clara Hornbogen, Wabasha; Mrs. E. B. Read, Preston; Mrs. Claude C. Perkins, Pine Island; Louise McCarthy, State Food Administration.  
Americanization, Irma Walker, Biwabik; Mary E. Corson, Stillwater; Enid Stafford, Buhl.  
United War Work Campaign.  
Clara F. Baldwin, Director, Minnesota Public Library Commission.
- 2:00 p. m. The Children's Year in Library Work.  
Mary S. Wilkinson, Children's Librarian, Duluth Public Library.  
Library Legislation. Report of Committee.
- 4:00 p. m. Auto ride.  
Picnic supper at Sibley Park. 50c per basket.
- 8:00 p. m. Camp Library Service.  
John Adams Lowe, Librarian, Camp Devens, Mass.  
Library Work for the Foreign-born.  
Jane Addams, Hull House, Chicago, Ill.  
(Arrangements not complete)

Saturday, September 28.

- 9:30 a. m. Business session.  
Book Symposium, conducted by Dr. Pettersen of the Mankato Normal School.  
Books about New Americans.  
Dr. G. S. Pettersen.  
Books for New Americans.  
Mrs. Adah Durand Chidlaw, Minneapolis Public Library.  
War Books of 1918.  
Clara E. Fanning, Minneapolis Public Library.

## MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The program for this meeting has been arranged so as to immediately follow the State Conference on "The United War Work Campaign," which will be held in St. Paul, September 23rd, and the annual meeting of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs, Winona, September 24-26. The theme will be "Library War Service" at home and abroad, with special emphasis on Americanization.

Dr. Carol Aronovici, who will give the address on Americanization, is chairman of the state committee appointed by the Governor to co-operate with the United States Bureau of Labor and has had wide experience in social service.

Mr. John Adams Lowe, who is the representative of the War Finance Committee has been in charge of the library at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, and tells his story in a most interesting way. He will also contribute to the discussion on Americanization which has been given special attention by the Massachusetts Free Library Commission, with which he is connected.

Miss Clara E. Fanning, whose delightful paper on War Literature will be remembered by all those who attended the 1917 conference, will bring the subject up-to-date with readings, supplemented by lists for distribution. The books for and about new Americans will be discussed by Prof. Petersen and Mrs. Chidlaw.

The exhibits of war pictures and slides, and of posters, will be of special interest, and the collection of local history material will stimulate more interest in this important branch of war service.

While the social features will not be neglected, they have been arranged at a minimum of expense to our library hosts and to provide an opportunity for better acquaintance, which is so strong a factor in the development of team work in the state.

**Hotels.** The Ben Pay Hotel has been chosen as headquarters. This is a new hotel with all modern conveniences, only two blocks and a half from the library. Rooms, 75c to \$1.50 per day. Meals at reasonable prices can be had at good restaurants in the neighborhood. The Saulpaugh, also on the European plan, has rooms at \$1.25 to \$1.50 without bath and \$1.75 to \$2.00 with bath. Make reservation through

Miss Flora F. Carr, librarian, P. L. Mankato.

**Trains.** Mankato is easily reached from all parts of Southern Minnesota by the C. & N. W.; C. St. P. M. & O. and the C. M. & St. P. The most convenient train leaves Minneapolis at 9:00 and St. Paul at 9:45 A. M., reaching Mankato at 12:40.

## A MESSAGE TO LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

It is generally understood that the purpose of Library Association meetings is for exchange of ideas between librarians and others, and to receive instruction how to best carry on the work of the librarian for the community she serves, in fact to make her more efficient in her work and of more value to her community.

In talking with library workers, I find that in some towns the Library Boards do not pay the expenses of the librarian to the meeting, nor furnish a substitute during her absence.

Since the purpose of these gatherings is, to better equip the librarian to carry on her work to the best public advantage, to render to the community the best possible service, and the community receives the direct benefit derived from these meetings, it seems to me, that the Library Boards should be very-willing to provide a substitute, and to defray the librarian's expenses incident to these meetings.

I consider it the duty of the Board to render through the librarian the best possible service to the public; but this can be done only by the librarian and members of the Board keeping in touch with the practices of other communities and by using their own good judgment and applying business methods to the management of their library affairs.

G. A. KORTSCH,

President Alexandria Library Board.

## JOINT STATE CONFERENCE, ST. PAUL, SEPTEMBER 23RD

A State Conference of representatives of all organizations participating in the United War Work campaign will be held in St. Paul, September 23rd. Further announcement regarding this meeting will be sent out as soon as plans are perfected, but it is expected that the library interests of the state will be well represented ready to mobilize their forces. The total quota for Minnesota is \$3,900,000.

## A CALL TO SERVICE

While the Saratoga Springs Conference is still fresh in our recollection, and before the feeling and enthusiasm engendered there become dimmed, may I venture to urge on all librarians the imperative call of the present day to our best, our most devoted, our highest service?

The war has shown us two great lines of work, peculiarly our own, which can be done by no other agency so well as by libraries and librarians. These are our own library service at home in meeting the enormously increased need for popular education and information, and our direct provision of books to the soldiers and sailors at home and over-seas.

Never before have libraries had laid upon them such a burden of duty as in the dissemination of sound and informing knowledge regarding the war, its aims, its conduct, the relation of the citizen thereto, and the whole array of problems arising from an unusual condition of society. Next to the public press, the one agency which can best supply such information to all classes of the community is the public library. If the library was vital before the war, it is ten-fold more vital now. Our cities, towns and villages need the best in books and magazines, need the best effort of librarians as never before. The hour calls for definite, earnest, well-thought-out plans for the unifying and bettering of our daily service. And the times are not easy. Our libraries have already contributed to the military and civil branches of the Government numbers of their best folk. On us who "stay by the stuff" falls the increased burden. Our call is plain,—no falling off in efficiency because of war; rather a higher devotion and a greater service!

Further, and no less vital, is our Library War Service; the provision of books in an effective (because organized) manner to our troops and our sailors. The American Library Association with splendid enthusiasm promised its aid to the Government at the Louisville Conference, hardly realizing, perhaps, the magnitude of its task. Last summer the Committee on War Service, through various agencies, planned a great campaign for money and for books. Largely through the efforts of librarians in every part of our land an imposing sum was gathered in the fall. The Librarian of Con-

gress became General Director of the Library War Service. Library buildings were erected in the great camps, innumerable stations were set up in every "Y" hut and house, on the ships, in smaller camps. Slowly and with great difficulty in the midst of a nation-wide dislocation of energy, a splendid service has been developed by the hard and long labor of our devoted colleagues at headquarters and in the field. The dispatch of books to Europe and their supply to the troops there has been well begun. The attempt has proven the value of books in army life. It is no longer an experiment, but an assured success.

On us now rests the burden of carrying onward this work so admirably begun. There will be need of money, much money. Prepare now to bring every effort to bear in your home towns to raise your share, yes, and more than your share. Let your people know what the Association is doing, get the papers to print accounts of the Library War Service. Inform yourself by visits and by letter. If our members actually KNOW what is being done, here and in France, the money will raise itself.

There is need of personal service. Offer yourself, and like soldiers, obey orders. If you are called, for whatever work, that is your special call to duty. If you are not called at once, remember that the home service needs your every thought and action. The Library War Service MUST be a selected service, a choosing of men and women for special needs because of individual qualification. In war time men obey and do not growl. The work to be done is vast. It will require every one of us who can work in it, sooner or later. It will hearten every officer of the Association, every camp and hospital librarian, to know that the volunteer list is embarrassingly large.

These words, my fellow librarians, are not preaching. Some one must voice the needs of the hour, and you have called me to lead the Association for a year in the time of our country's peril and mightiest effort. Therefore I write this call to service, confident both in your response and in your welcome of the message.

WM. WARNER BISHOP,

President American Library Association,  
July, 1918.



## THE UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

Seven distinct organizations have been recognized by the Government for service with the troops—the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the National Catholic War Council (Knights of Columbus), the Jewish Welfare Board, the War Camp Community Service, the American Library Association, and the Salvation Army. Each of these organizations is supported by private subscriptions, and each had planned a campaign for funds on a national basis for some period between September, 1918, and February, 1919. It became increasingly apparent that seven such campaigns could not be conducted in this period without serious overlapping and conflict, to say nothing of the confusion of a series of drives following one another in quick succession.

It was further recognized that all these organizations have a common purpose in welfare work for the army and navy. An agreement was finally made between these seven organizations to conduct a joint campaign during the week beginning November 11th, to be known as the United War Work Campaign, and representatives of the seven societies will unite their machinery in single committees.

At the head of the organization there will be a National Executive Committee on which all associations will have equal representation. Under this there will be Department Committees, corresponding to the Military Departments of the Government, with state, district, county and local committees in each community.

There will be a joint pledge card, and all funds collected will be distributed on a pro rata basis among the seven participating organizations.

### Regional Conference, Minneapolis, Minn., September 6th

A regional conference of library workers from Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota was called in Minneapolis, September 6th, at which Mr. Wickes Wamboldt, National Campaign Director for the A. L. A., Dr. M. L. Raney, of the Overseas Library Service, and Mr. M. S. Dudgeon, Field Representative of the Library War Service were present.

At the morning session in the Minneapolis Public Library, Mr. Wamboldt out-

lined the plan of campaign as given above and emphasized the fact that the libraries of the country with their seven thousand points of contact with the people are the most important factors in this campaign. We have the advantage in that we have already co-operated in the Library War Service with every one of the other organizations, and our responsibility and opportunity is very great. The three essential factors for success are (1) thorough organization; (2) strong leadership, and (3) publicity. A splendid campaign of publicity has been prepared, which includes posters for bill-boards and delivery wagons, window cards and buttons for subscribers. A joint pamphlet will be issued, describing briefly the work of each organization, copy for advertisements in the papers will be furnished, and there will be a series of articles in the popular magazines. There will also be special publicity matter for the library service. To accomplish the desired result, we must lose sight of our own special interest and mobilize ourselves for the best service, co-operating with the other organizations.

Dr. M. L. Raney, the Overseas Representative of the Library War Service, followed with a most inspiring talk on the development of the service, telling how England and the other countries at war had found libraries a necessity for their men from the beginning and showing how the way had opened through the whole hearted endorsement of General Pershing and Admiral Sims for reaching every soldier and sailor in the service, and supplying his particular need.

At 12:30 the conference joined the Rotary Club at their regular weekly luncheon, which gave an excellent opportunity to present the work to a group of representative business men. Mr. Leon Warner, who has been appointed chairman of the State Library War Council presided, and called upon Miss Countryman to introduce the library speakers. Short speeches were made by Mr. Wamboldt, on the plan of campaign, Mr. Dudgeon, who told of the great demand for technical books at the Great Lakes Training Station, and Mr. Forrest Spaulding, librarian at Camp Dodge, who told of the organization of a library system in a large cantonment. Dr. Raney followed with a further account of the work

overseas, carrying his audience with him through trench and camp, to the lonely hydroplane stations and troop ships, and drawing a vivid picture of how the book helps the man to forget.

Following the speeches, Mr. Wamboldt conducted an informal discussion and answered questions as to the details of organization.

There were present from Iowa, Mr. Johnson Brigham, State Librarian, Miss Julia A. Robinson, Secretary Iowa Library Commission and Mr. Henry Adams, Des Moines; from North Dakota, Mrs. Minnie C. Budlong, Secretary Public Library Commission and Miss Lillian Cook, Librarian, Grand Forks; from South Dakota, Miss Julia C. Stockett, Secretary of the Library Commission and Mr. A. E. Hitchcock. The libraries in the Twin Cities were well represented and there were delegates from Anoka, Duluth, Fergus Falls, Granite Falls, Hibbing, Little Falls, Mankato, Olivia, Red Wing, St. Cloud and Willmar.

#### AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Saratoga Springs, July 1-6, 1918

The Saratoga Springs conference was generally conceded to be one of the most inspiring the A. L. A. has ever held. Our War Service was naturally the chief theme and the reports of the War Service Committee supplemented by the personal accounts of the men and women in camp library service presented a remarkable record of achievement, which no foresight could have prophesied a year ago. The Fourth of July was celebrated by Dr. Raney's eloquent report of what had been accomplished in France, which opened up the almost unlimited possibilities for future library work both during and after the war, as summarized in his closing paragraphs:

"Thus the cycle is complete from training camps in the United States to troop trains and transports, from port to the front and back to rest station, hospital or captivity; with the naval units whether at sea or ashore, from the British Isles to the Mediterranean, we follow the flag.

Complete, did I say? Not till the boys get home again. The war is going to end one of these days, but repatriation will take a year or two. To combat the perils of reaction and to prepare for civilian life the

army is to be put to school during that period. We have our eyes already on that wonderful opportunity.

And then, France, glorious France, blood-redeemed, has heard of the American Public Library, which, finding literal translation inadequate, it dignifies with the sobriquet, *Maison de Tous*, The People's House. A great organization headed by the President of the Republic, planning for the social reconstruction of France after the war, has decided to transplant this unique institution and make it the center of the plan. Our aid is asked. Who can foresee the result?"

The symposium on what our library is doing to help win the war brought out the many war activities in which all types of librarians are engaged.

Readings from war poetry were given by Carl Sandburg and Miss May Massee, editor of the A. L. A. Book list.

There were the usual meetings of sections and affiliated bodies, besides conferences of camp librarians, hospital librarians, library publicity directors for the Food Administration, etc., for discussion of new and old problems. The exhibits were of unusual interest. The camp library exhibit, consisting of charts, photographs, a complete model of a camp library building, with samples of shipping cases, hospital book wagons, etc., occupied a large part of the parlors in the Grand Union Hotel and attracted most attention.

Directly across from it, Miss Edith Guerrier's booth showing what the food administration wants libraries to do to further its publicity program, was a center of attraction. Miss Guerrier was on hand early and late to explain her work and discuss individual problems with all visitors.

Saratoga Springs proved to be an ideal place for the conference. The weather was perfect, and the accommodations excellent. There were no social features beyond the "get together" the first night, but the spacious parlors and porches of the headquarters hotel afforded ample opportunity for the informal conferences which are one of the most delightful features of A. L. A. meetings.

Minnesota was represented at the conference by Miss Countryman, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Walkley, Minneapolis Public Library; Miss Frances E. Earhart, Duluth; Miss Mar-

garet Hickman, Eveleth; Miss Helen Prall, Keewatin; Miss Enid Stafford, Buhl; Miss Miriam E. Carey of the Board of Control, now supervisor of the Southeastern Division A. L. A. Hospital Service, and Miss Clara F. Baldwin of the Library Commission. A Minnesota breakfast brought together about fourteen people including those who had formerly been connected with Minnesota libraries. Dr. Johnston of St. Paul was elected a member of the Council for a term of five years.

The officers elected for the coming year are:

President—William Warner Bishop, librarian, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

1st Vice President—Charles F. D. Belden, librarian, Boston Public Library.

2nd Vice President—Burton E. Stevenson, librarian, Public Library Chillicothe, Ohio.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL, 1918

The attendance at Summer School comprised twelve school librarians and ten librarians and assistants from public libraries. Miss Wilson of the Department of Education was in charge of the course for school librarians and Miss Baldwin of that for public librarians. Miss Penrose of the West High School library, Minneapolis, gave the instruction in cataloging and classification and Miss Elizabeth Scripture of the East High School assisted as revisor. The special feature of the course this year was the lectures by Harriet Wood, librarian of the School Department, Portland, Oregon. Miss Wood gave the lectures in book-selection for school libraries, and children's books, comprising a general study of the books on the High School and Graded Lists, with discussion of the tests for books in each class and running comment on as many books as could be covered.

Miss Wood also gave lectures on High School library administration and instruction in use of books, and held special conferences for High School librarians and later for teachers in the elementary schools. Two days were devoted to County libraries in which Miss Wood discussed the Why and How of County libraries.

Teachers and librarians from the Twin Cities were frequent attendants at Miss Wood's lectures and visitors from out of

town were Mrs. Goss, Anoka, Miss McCubrey, Moorhead, Mrs. Huntley, Grand Rapids, Miss Corson, Stillwater, Miss LeCrone, Faribault, Miss Lamb, Wayzata and Miss Clark, Ortonville.

A delightful treat was given the class during the last week of the course when Miss Wood invited the members to her home to meet Miss Katherine Everts, who gave readings from war poetry and told of her work with High school students for the Food Administration. A picnic at Como Park promoted better acquaintance and the usual visits were made to libraries in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The following students were registered:

Mary J. Alworth, Asst. Libn., P. L., Mankato.

Livia Appel, H. S. Libn., Hinckley.

Mrs. Elva B. Bailey, Ref. Asst. P. L., Minneapolis.

Francis Coit, H. S. Libn., Eveleth.

Mrs. Jane P. Corson, Asst. Libn., P. L., Moorhead.

Elizabeth Durbahn, H. S. Libn., Buhl.

Jane Featherston, Asst. Libn., P. L., Ferguson Falls.

Marian Fee, Libn., H. S., East Grand Forks.

Gertrude Glennon, Asst. Libn., P. L., Stillwater.

Gena Granum, Libn., P. L., Thief River Falls.

F. B. Howes, Substitute Libn., P. L., Buhl.  
Aurilla Kendall, Libn., Norwood-Young America H. S.

Minnie Leavitt, Libn., H. S., International Falls.

Florence P. McLeod, Libn., H. S., Slayton.

Evelyn Page, Libn., H. S., Osakis.

Elizabeth Potter, Libn., H. S., Emporia, Kansas.

Mabel C. Rundlett, Libn., Northrop Collegiate School, Minneapolis.

Vivadale Schultz, Libn., P. L., Two Harbors.

Mary L. Southworth, Libn., P. L., Northfield.

Mary L. Small, Libn., St. Mary's Hall, Faribault.

Rose Stefanich, Libn., Tower-Soudan Public School.

Mrs. Beatrice Van Etten, Asst. Libn., P. L. St. Cloud.

## LIBRARY WAR SERVICE.

**War Library Fund.** Contributions to the War Library Fund have been received as follows, but anything sent in from now on will be credited to the United Campaign fund.

Deer River Civic League.....	\$25.00
Hastings .....	1.35
Mountain Iron .....	75.00
Polk Co. (School District No. 223)....	9.90
St. Charles .....	3.00

**Books for Overseas.** An appeal has come from headquarters for more books to be shipped overseas. In response to this call, 1,000 books have been sent from Mankato, 644 from Winona, 460 from Rochester and 400 from Faribault. Several thousand more have been collected in the commission office and in the other libraries and will soon be ready for shipment. Libraries are asked to report promptly the number of books on hand to the Library Commission and supplies and shipping directions will be furnished. Dr. Raney stated that the War Service Committee was depending on five books to be given for every one purchased. While the appeal for books must not be allowed to interfere with the coming campaign, it should be made clear that books, good ones, are still desired. Attic clearings and children's books cannot be used.

**Food Conservation.** Attention is called to the lists of Food Administration publications published in recent numbers of Food News Notes. Every librarian is asked to check these up, and write the library publicity director for missing numbers. Participation in canning demonstrations and exhibits at county fairs are the most important recent activities. Miss Guerrier sends the following urgent request for visible records of work accomplished:

"Please send pictures of all library food conservation exhibits to the Section of Exhibits, Food Administration, Washington, D. C. This means pictures of bulletin boards as well as of actual exhibits of canned products, substitute foods, etc.

As photographers charge so much, professionally made prints are not expected. If you have not a small camera, you can undoubtedly borrow one. With the use of the little book that goes with every camera, you can determine the length of time neces-

sary for an exposure under any conditions. If you will then send the film to Washington it can be enlarged and printed."

A collection of pictures on harvesting in various countries has just been received from Miss Guerrier which will be mounted and ready for circulation to libraries in the state after the meeting at Mankato, where they will be shown.

**Registration for the Nurses Reserve.** At the request of the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense, the libraries assisted in the registration for the Student Nurses Reserve, and in the Range towns took entire charge of this work.

**Patriotic Education.** One of the clubs in Minneapolis has undertaken to make posters for the Women's Committee of the Council of Defense, emphasizing Americanization, Patriotism or any drive that is on. During the summer these have been placed in summer hotels, but the work will be continued for small libraries which have not sufficient help or facilities for doing such work. A list of such libraries has been submitted to the committee. Any library which would like to be included should write to the director of the Library Commission or to Mrs. T. G. Winter, 2617 Dean Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minn.

## WAR SERVICE OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES.

**Anoka.** A food exhibit was held at the library for three days in June. The women were asked to bring samples of food made with little or no wheat flour, each article to be accompanied by the recipe. There was a fine display each day. Pencils and paper were provided for copying the recipes.

**Austin.** A number of young ladies have offered their services through the librarian, to read aloud to busy Red Cross workers.

**Chisholm.** The librarian is preserving records of the boys who have gone into service, and had charge of the enrollment for Student Nurses Reserve.

**Duluth.** An exhibit of patriotic posters of different countries collected by John Cotton Dana, librarian of the Newark, N. J. Public Library, was held at the library in August. The library is installing a card index of all the war emergency activities of the city by clubs, circles or communi-



ties for reference purposes. The Food Conservation Department has continued its activities throughout the summer.

**Eveleth.** The library has subscribed for the full set of official war photographs.

**Fairmont.** Some of the work done by the children for the Red Cross is on exhibition at the library.

**Fergus Falls.** A new Bulletin Board has been placed in main library for display of Food Administration material. The library co-operates with the Federal Food Administrator of Ottertail County, and with the supervisor of the children's school gardens in distributing government bulletins, leaflets, and recipes. The librarian is in close touch with the local Food Administrator, to whom she gives personal assistance when called on.

Thrift stamps are on sale at the loan desk, and Council of Defense registration cards for women are to be had at the library.

**Hibbing.** A vegetable canning and drying demonstration was given at the library in July, by Miss Cordiner of the University Extension Division.

**Mankato.** The report of the acting librarian for July gives the following summary of how the war is affecting the library.

First. The general trend of reading is away from the purely entertaining and cultural to the serious and practical.

Second. Fewer women and more men are using the library.

Third. More children are spending hours each day in quiet reading in their department, owing, no doubt, to the war service their mothers are giving and the closing of the homes for certain hours each week.

Fourth. Reference work is growing apace and much of this pertains to the war in its various aspects, the life of the soldier "over there" probably leading in interest.

Fifth. A new interest in books on engineering has developed.

Sixth. Of the non-fiction circulated, history takes the lead this month followed closely by sociology and useful arts on which nearly an equal number of books were loaned, a direct result of war interests.

Seventh. Where material on the preservation of food was called for occasionally in normal times, it is in constant demand now.

Eighth. Books and pamphlets on poultry raising are almost as popular as those on food.

Ninth. "Weapons of defense" against injurious insects are more in demand than ever before.

Tenth. Boys are inquiring for books on submarines, on airships, on heroes. "No more of your sissy books for me" is the way one young hopeful put it.

Eleventh. The circulation of German and Scandinavian books has decreased materially while the demand for French books grows.

Twelfth. The appeal that business is making to young women has popularized the books on business methods. Civil service material is also in demand by young women.

Thirteenth. The demand for technical military books we have been unable to meet but through the kind offices of Colonel Lewis and Captain Bates, lists have been checked for those titles which are most likely to meet the local and draft needs.

Fourteenth. (And this is serious)—nearly every mail brings an announcement of an increased price in books, in periodicals, in supplies. As in the home and in the business house, so in the library every thing we touch is soaring beyond our ready means to reach. Anticipating the raise soon to be made in magazine subscriptions, the 1919 order was submitted to the agencies this month instead of waiting for January when the order is generally sent.

**Ortonville.** The large room in the library basement is given over to surgical dressings classes and Red Cross sewing.

**St. Cloud.** The library co-operated with the Benton County Food Conservation Committee in maintaining a booth at the Benton County Fair. The booth was decorated with food posters, and there were food demonstrations by Miss Hamilton, chief of the Home Economics Department, University of Texas, who took the place of the Minnesota Home Demonstration Agent who was unable to be present. There was also a canning demonstration by six or seven teams of girls who were competing for the state prize. The library provided recipes and bulletins for distribution, about seven large mail sacks full.

Before each demonstration, a boy played the bugle, and a group of girls sang the Song of the Housewives, and others em-

phasizing the need of saving wheat, meat and sugar for our boys.

The library was represented in the Labor Day parade.

**Wayzata.** A scrap book of "Wayzata in the War" is being kept at the Public Library. This is to contain records of service, letters and photographs of our boys. Also a record of sales of War Saving Stamps, Liberty Bonds, etc. A composite picture of all of the eighty Wayzata boys in service has been framed and placed in the Library.

### TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

Four traveling libraries comprising books on agriculture and books for juvenile and adult general reading were sent to the Farm School under the supervision of the State Department of Education for their display room during summer school.

A traveling library on agriculture and one for general reading formed a part of the exhibit of the Farm School at the State Fair, September 2-7.

The Women's Committee, of the Council of National Defense, exhibited one of the commission's package libraries on Americanization, and panel posters showing the activities of camp and over seas libraries were displayed in the Y. W. C. A. building.

The Minnesota High Schools Debating League will discuss the following question for this year: "Resolved, That Capital and Labor should be compelled to settle their disputes in legally established courts of arbitration." The Commission will loan material on request to superintendents and teachers.

The addition of many thousand articles from the Wilson Package Library will facilitate the reference work of the Commission and libraries are urged to make more frequent use of this department to supply their patrons with material for papers on debates.

#### Club Libraries

Despite the many urgent demands of the day the number of requests for study clubs libraries is over 50 per cent of the number for normal times. This is a good record considering the little time women have for study and recreational work.

Alaska, American literature and Minnesota are the favorite subjects and many

clubs have requested supplementary material on the war and Americanization.

Club libraries are still available on the following subjects and it would be well for all clubs which have not reserved a library for the year to do so at once.

Africa	Japan
American literature	Mexico
Architecture	Missions
Art, American,	Mythology
French, Greek,	Nature
Italian, Roman or	Netherlands
Spanish.	Norway, Sweden and
Arts and Crafts	Denmark
Bible	Opera
Birds	Painting, American,
Canada	Dutch and Flemish,
Child Study	English, French or
China	Italian
Drama	Poetry, Modern
England—History or	Rome
Travel	Scandinavian litera-
English literature	ture
European war	Scotland
Folk songs	Sculpture
France	South America
French literature	Spain
Greece	Switzerland
Home economics	U. S. History or
Hygiene	Travel
Ireland and Wales	West Indies
Italian cities	Woman
Italian literature	Woman suffrage

### THE LIBRARY AND PUBLIC OPINION

"The community, the family, and the individual are units in the great army of the nation. Already the need of attention to morale at home has made itself felt in an occasional case. Now and then an individual, more highly strung than others, has been stimulated by some object which suggested the war, to an intensity of expression which contains the germ of panic. The help of every individual and every institution is needed now to make the distinction between true patriotism and these dangerous manifestations which masquerade under its name." In the present crisis the Public Library desires above all things to do its part in stabilizing the civic mind, for this when all is said and done, is its fine and characteristic obligation.

It is not the province of the wise man or woman to be content with or to disseminate any information not based upon facts. The Public Library has facts. These are free to all who wish to use them.

## PERSONAL

Dr. W. Dawson Johnston, Librarian of the St. Paul Public Library, will go to the Great Lakes Training Station as Camp Librarian the last of September.

Mr. R. L. Walkley of the Minneapolis Public Library was married June 28th to Miss Frances Day. Mr. Walkley has been called to the service and is now at Camp Devens.

Mr. Alfred D. Keator recently of the Carleton College Library has been elected Librarian of the University of North Dakota. Mr. Keator served as assistant librarian at Camp Humphreys, Va., during July and August.

Miss Myra Buell has been appointed Chief of the Branch Division, St. Paul Public Library.

Miss Ethel C. Wright, Children's Librarian at Virginia has resigned to take charge of the Children's work in the Toledo Public Library.

Miss Hortense Stetler of Sumner Branch, Minneapolis, succeeds Miss Wright at Virginia.

Miss Flora F. Carr will return to the Mankato Public Library September 15th. She has been assisting in the War Department for the past six months.

Miss Mary Corson, Librarian at Stillwater has been given a year's leave of absence and will attend the Wisconsin Library School. Miss Gertrude Glennon, assistant librarian, has been made acting librarian during the absence of Miss Corson.

Miss Hester J. Clark, Librarian at Ortonville, has been appointed librarian of the High School Library at Deer River, Minn.

Miss Margaret Mahoney of the Longfellow School, St. Paul, Minn., has been acting as librarian at International Falls during the summer.

Recent appointments on the Minneapolis Library staff are as follows:

Miss Alta Hansen of Kenyon, Minnesota, U. of M. 1911 and Western Reserve Library School, 1918, assistant in the catalog department.

Miss Agnes Silk of the Wilson Package Library in charge of the clipping collection.

Mrs. Elva B. Bailey of the Public Library, Tampa, Florida, assistant in the reference department.

Miss Grace Foland has resigned her position in the catalog department.

Miss Marjorie Wildes, Head cataloger of the Historical Society library has accepted a position as cataloger in the Redwood Library, Newport, Rhode Island.

Miss Ilona Schmidt of the University of Chicago Library succeeds Miss Wildes in the Historical Library. Other appointments on the staff of the library are Miss Elsa R. Nordin of the New York State Library School, 1918, as cataloger; Miss Ethel B. Virtue of the State Historical Library, Des Moines, Iowa, as archivist and Miss Ruth Roberts of Madison, Wisconsin, as curator of the Museum.

## THE RANGE LIBRARY CLUB

At a meeting of the Range Library club held at the Hibbing library, the question of war features and war magazines was discussed by the nine members in attendance. Miss Grace Stevens of Virginia and Miss Kerr of Buhl, read interesting papers, after which a luncheon was served.

The Range Library club held its regular monthly meeting on June 26th in the form of a picnic at the St. Mary's Lake Park near Eveleth. About fifteen librarians attended and an informal discussion of the following topics was taken up during lunch. "Conservation Food Recipes; Where Obtained, How Assorted and in What Way Distributed to the Public," led by Miss Palmer, Chisholm; "Free and Miscellaneous Poster Material, Should Special Bulletin Boards be provided, Should All be Kept, Which Ones Should Be Discarded, etc.," led by Miss Lang, Hibbing; "Book Ordering and Buying, What are the Best Book Reviews and Where Obtained? Should Books be Ordered Directly from Publishers or Otherwise? What About "Shorts"? led by Miss Hurlbert, Hibbing.

The August meeting was held at Coleraine; the chief feature of the program being reports on the A. L. A. conference by Miss Hickman of Eveleth, Miss Prall of Keewatin and Miss Stafford of Buhl. Plans for further war work and the promotion of the United War Work Campaign were discussed.

## NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

During the period of the war there will be a separate column in the bulletin for Library War Service, so that a large proportion of the news notes will be found under that heading.

Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. They should be sent to the Director of the Commission by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.

**Austin.** The librarian has been conducting a course of vacation reading for the children of the grades. The school having the best record will be given a picture.

**Big Falls.** The library committee gave a dance on August ninth for the benefit of the library.

**Chatfield.** A gift of about one hundred books has been received from Arthur Crawford of Chicago. An effort is being made to secure a tax from adjoining townships to reimburse the library for its service to the rural communities. A Tag Day and Ice Cream Sale for the benefit of the library added \$72.92 to the library fund.

**Chisholm.** During Baby Welfare week lectures and demonstrations were given at the library by one of the state nurses. Over 300 mothers attended and interpreters were present to explain to those who did not speak English.

**Cloquet.** The addition to the Public Library has been completed and the library was re-opened September 9th.

**Duluth.** The former school building at Lester Park has been turned over to the city by the Board of Education to be used as a branch library.

**Eveleth.** The public library was repainted and decorated during the summer.

**Fergus Falls.** A handsome new flag has been purchased for the library. Two book-desks of original design have been placed in the reading-rooms for the benefit of the readers. These were made by the Manual Training Department of the High School. Work on the new children's room in the basement is in progress. This is expected to be completed in time for the opening of the schools. The former children's room will be used as a reference room for High School students.

A set of French posters advertising various French loans was on exhibition at the

library. They were sent from Paris, by Dr. C. C. Burlingame.

**Hibbing.** A series of lectures on Baby Welfare has been given in the library auditorium by Miss Stillwell, the State Home Demonstration agent.

**Kasson.** The library is now very pleasantly and conveniently housed in the new Municipal Building which was completed early in the year. In this building are located the postoffice and library with rest room adjoining.

**Hutchinson.** The entertainments furnished by the University Lecture and Lyceum Department proved satisfactory, both as to quality, and financial outcome, leaving a balance of \$194.22.

**International Falls.** The Public Library at International Falls has been removed to a downtown room in the old Koochiching Hotel, which has been remodeled and equipped with standard library furniture. The School Library has been combined with the Public Library and books will be furnished to the outlying schools in the district.

**Lake City.** The library is greatly handicapped for lack of room but plans for the new building have been postponed until after the war.

**Long Lake.** A ball for the benefit of the library was given in July at the home of Mrs. F. T. Heffelfinger. Refreshments were served on the lawn and twenty-five boys from Dunwoody Institute attended as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heffelfinger. A community sing was a feature of the program.

**Mankato.** A "Take One" table is so placed that patrons must pass it on going to the stacks. A conspicuous sign "Take one" encourages them to stop, at least. Good material on Better Babies, Flies, Food Substitutes, Farm labor, War Savings Stamps, etc., has been circulated. A "Stay at home and take a little trip" bulletin with travel books has also been displayed.

The acting librarian met the county representatives of the Americanization department of the Woman's Council of National Defense, giving a brief talk on the most important of the works on immigration. The books themselves were displayed and almost all were issued at the close of the meeting for home use.



**Minneapolis.** Summer reading classes to meet the needs of the older children of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades were conducted at the branches during the vacation months. Lists of ten or more required books were selected for each grade from which the child or group could make a choice. The plan was endorsed by the schools and school credit was given for the work.

The business branch has installed a complete collection of maps covering all fields, including soil maps, industrial maps, statistical maps and others which are useful to business men, students and general readers.

**Ortonville.** The library grounds have been beautified by the addition of one hundred dollars worth of shrubbery. Books have been circulated during the year to people in the county and in Big Stone City across the Dakota line.

**Pine Island.** Three handsome pictures have been presented to the library by the clubs of Pine Island. They are Farquharson's "Now came still evening on," from the Progress Club, Jacque's "Paturage en foret," from the Twentieth Century Club and the Sistine Madonna presented by the Eutopian Club.

**Redwood Falls.** The Public Library had the use of the High School victrola during the summer months. A special program for the children was given every Saturday afternoon. An organization of Girl Scouts has been formed at the library under the leadership of Miss Lila Kline, assistant librarian.

**Robbinsdale.** The Library Club has reopened the library and gave an entertainment in the village hall for the benefit of the library fund.

**St. Cloud.** A series of lectures on Hygiene and Sanitation were given at the library in August under the auspices of the State Board of Health.

**St. Paul.** The Library has just received gifts of the libraries of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association and of the late Thomas Wilkinson, President of the Association.

The combined libraries contain approximately one hundred and fifty bound vol-

umes of engineering data, reports of technical societies, federal, state and city documents, and about six hundred pamphlets dealing with all phases of river improvement.

A collection of maps, blue prints, newspaper clippings and photographs are included in this gift, together with a considerable correspondence with engineers of national reputation, members of Congress, representatives of civic associations, manufacturers, and wholesale dealers.

This addition gives the library one of the most complete collections on inland waterway data in the Middle West.

The Library Council has passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the preparation of the library salary budget, consideration should be given not only to the increased cost of living but also the higher grade and increased amount of service rendered by the several departments.

Resolved, That heads of departments elaborate a schedule of activities in their several departments and determine standards of service in connection with each for use in the measurement of the efficiency of each employee and as a basis for recommendation for promotion.

Resolved, That the question of standardization of the service and efficiency rating be referred to a special committee of the Council for investigation.

Whereas, The lack of library training and experience among library assistants of the lower grades and the absence of opportunity for study and instruction in the performance of routine duties is a detriment to the library service; therefore,

Resolved, That the administration of the library be so adjusted as to provide for the systematic instruction of both junior and senior assistants who are devoting full time to library service and who expect to continue in the work for at least one year.

That admission to the training class be based partly upon the candidate's staff record and partly upon examination; and,

That staff promotion in these grades be based partly upon the assistant's staff record and partly upon her record as a member of the training class.

Adult borrower's privileges have been extended to all residents of St. Paul 15 years of age and over instead of to those 16 years

of age and over. This will make it possible in the future to use U. S. Census statistics of population in measuring the effectiveness of the library service among children.

The library has issued the following publications:

Books on military engineering of interest to civil engineers in the St. Paul Public Library, by Winifred Gregory, in *Affiliated engineering societies of Minnesota bulletin*, 3: 125-126, June, 1918.

Vacation trails: A suggestive list of summer reading. 8 p.

Bible stories for boys and girls. 8 p.

Labor: A selected list of books in the St. Paul Public Library. Published by the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, 1918. 20 p.

Stillwater. By a new ruling adopted at the Public Library, two books of non-fiction may now be drawn at the same time.

Waseca. The funds for the construction of the Public Library have been provided by the Carnegie Corporation and the library board has petitioned the Council for the purchase of a new site which will be more centrally located.

Wayzata. Upon presentation of the budget to the Council the appropriation of the library was increased to \$800 for the next year.

A picture of Mr. Miles Dickey, founder of the library, has been presented by his daughter, Mrs. Alexia Bushnell. Mr. Dickey was librarian at Wayzata for ten years and was the oldest librarian in the state at the time of his death.

Winona. Libraries of from thirty to forty books have been made up during this summer to be placed in each room of the Jefferson and Lincoln Schools, which are too far from the library for the convenience of the pupils. German newspapers and magazines have been omitted from the library list for the coming year.

## LIBRARIES AS AMERICANIZERS

Public libraries are adding fuel to the melting pot. They have become centers of Americanization work and war activities are a medium for establishing a better understanding of national ideals among foreign women, according to Mrs. William D. Phelan of Pittsburgh, Pa., who has been doing Americanization work under the Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense.

"As a means of Americanizing the foreign women the contacts established in getting them interested in war work, and in working side by side with them for a common cause, are most valuable," said Mrs. Phelan, "And the best place we have found for establishing such contacts is the public library. The women, who send their children to sectarian schools, as many do, dislike to attend meetings in the public schools. To them the library is a neutral meeting ground for different sects and races.

"Child Welfare work has its beginning in these library groups. The meaning of children's year has been explained there and instructions have been given on the practical work of this movement of the children's bureau."

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## INDEX TO WESTERN MAGAZINE

An index to the Western Magazine, volumes seven to ten inclusive has been prepared by the St. Paul Public Library and will be sent to any library asking for it. Requests should be addressed to the Western Magazine, St. Paul.

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## CENTURY DICTIONARY

An old edition of the Century Dictionary, including the volume on names, is offered to any small library which can make use of it. Address the Public Library, Mankato, Minn.